

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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3. (amended) A catalyst for purifying an exhaust gas comprising:
a precious metal catalyst; and
a co-catalyst for purifying an exhaust gas including a composite oxide including (a)
cerium; and (b) at least one element selected from the group consisting of zirconium, yttrium,
strontium, barium and a rare-earth element supported on a particulate aluminum support;
wherein a specific surface area of the co-catalyst after sintering is not less than 40 m²/g,
an oxygen storage capacity at 400 °C is not less than 10 µmols/g, and an oxygen storage capacity
at 700 °C is not less than 100 µmols/g.